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1. PRIMIN DEMIREL, SPEAKING TO REPORTERS FOLLOWING A COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MEETING JANUARY 20, MADE THE FOLLOWING COMMENT, AS REPORTED IN JANUARY 21 CUMHURIYET, ABOUT US-TURKISH RELATIONS AFTER BEING ASKED ABUT PRESIDENT CARTER. "TURKISH-AMERICAN RELATIONS ARE HEALTHY AND ARE BASED ON RECIPROCAL INTERESTS. THERE HAVE BEEN SOME DISAGREEMENTS. THE EMBARGO HEADS THE LIST OF THESE DISAGREEMENTS. IN FACT, THE U.S. CONGRESS IS TOTALLY IN THE WRONG ABOUT THE EMBARGO ISSUE. FRIENDSHIP CANNOT MEAN SUPPORT FOR A THIRD COUNTRY. FRIENDSHIP IS RECIPROCAL. I HOPE THAT THE RELATIONS BETWEEN TURKEYAND THE U.S. AGAIN BECOME HEALTHY."

2. COMMENT: DEMIREL'S REMARKS WERE BROADCAST BY TURKISH RADIO EVENINGOF JANUARY 20, BUT WERE LARGELY IGNORED BY THE PRESS. OF THE MAJOR NEWSPAPERS, ONLY LEFTIST CUMHURIYET REPORTED HIS COMMENTS JANUARY 21. UNCLASSIFIED

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